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## MAINTENANCE WORK BEGINS ON HIGHWAY 52 IN WHITFIELD

*New contracts signal maintenance progress in Northwest Georgia*

DALTON, Ga. – A Georgia DOT Maintenance Service contractor will begin tonight to install short line pavement markings on five intersections on Highway 52/Walnut Avenue in Whitfield County. Work will proceed every night from 9:00 p.m. until 5:00 a.m. This maintenance operation is expected to be completed by Monday, June 13, 2016.

Georgia DOT has just awarded a Service Maintenance contract to Peek Pavement Marking, LLC of Columbus, Georgia to perform short line pavement marking services on the intersections of Walnut Avenue with:

- Riverbend Road
- Walmart Drive
- MLK Jr. Boulevard
- State Route (SR) 3
- SR 286

This is the first of many Maintenance Service contracts Georgia DOT is awarding to qualified contractors to perform routine maintenance work throughout the 17 counties of Northwest Georgia in the coming months. This includes pavement preservation, patching potholes, bridge joint repairs, pipe repairs, litter pick-up and mowing the roadsides of our interstates and state routes.

“This Maintenance Service contract is a good example of the benefits of suitable funding for preventive maintenance investment in Northwest Georgia. It is just the beginning of many new contracts that will enhance maintenance progress in the area,” said DeWayne Comer, district engineer at the DOT office in Cartersville.

Funding for this and similar Maintenance Service contracts comes from the new annual sustainable routine maintenance investment provided by the Georgia Transportation Funding Act (TFA) of 2015. In their 2015 legislative session, Georgia lawmakers addressed the state’s critical transportation infrastructure needs with passage of House Bill 170, Georgia’s transportation funding bill. The Transportation Funding Act (TFA) of 2015 is expected to generate an estimated \$870 million in the first fiscal year. This sustained annual revenue will be used to fund much-needed routine maintenance and capital improvements. For more information about the Transportation Funding Act of 2015 and projects near you visit [www.GAroads.org](http://www.GAroads.org).

Georgia DOT recently announced plans for an active summer construction season and many of the newly-awarded projects are on that extensive list. Know before you go. For details about summer construction, visit [511ga.org](http://511ga.org).

*Every day Georgia DOT employees work on roadways in close proximity to travel lanes. Whether they’re in maintenance, in construction or are HEROs, it’s dangerous. Fifty-eight Georgia DOT personnel and many more motorists, passengers and contractors’ workers have been killed in work zone crashes since 1973. When you drive in*

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